

**Listing of Claims**

This listing of claims replaces all prior versions of claims in the application.

1-3. (Canceled)

4. (Currently Amended) A speaker terminal, comprising:

one or more plug loading slot having such a mode that the front end of which opens into a substantially same sectional shape as a right sectional contour of a plug for speaker cables to be inserted to define the right sectional shape of an opening;

an engaging projection for latching and supporting an engaging portion of an engaging lever of a plug to be inserted and that is disposed at the front end of an opening edge in said respective plug loading slots; and

contact pieces in terminals of positive and negative poles for speakers being disposed on the inmost recessed wall surface of said plug loading slots so as to be horizontal with respect to the front end of said opening;

wherein an opening wall of said front end opening portion of said plug loading slot engages and supports an engaging portion of an engaging lever of the plug to be inserted.

5. (Original) A speaker terminal according to claim 4 wherein extreme ends of contact pieces in terminals of positive and negative poles are disposed with a difference in their distances from the front end of the opening in said plug loading slots.

6. (Original) A speaker terminal according to claim 4 wherein said respective plug loading slots for right and left channels are disposed such that both the plug loading slots are in symmetrical disposition.

7. (Original) A speaker terminal according to claim 4 wherein front external surfaces of said plug loading slots for respective channels are colored separately.

8. (Currently Amended) A speaker terminal according to claim 4 wherein ~~each shield~~ a shield plate is disposed in the front surface thereof except for each of said plug loading slots.